

REMARKS

Claims 6-10, 16-20 and 22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. In response, Applicant has amended claims 6 and 16 to include all of the limitations of the base claim and therefore Applicant respectfully believes that claims 6 and 16 are in condition for allowance. Since claims 7-10, 21, 22 and 25-28 depend from claim 6 and claims 17-20, 23, 24, and 29-32 depend from claim 16, Applicant contends that claims 7-10 and 17-32 are likewise in condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected claims 2-5, 12-15 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,222,402, issued to Boerstler et al.

The Examiner rejected claims 2-5, 12-15 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,774,730, issued to Gasparik.

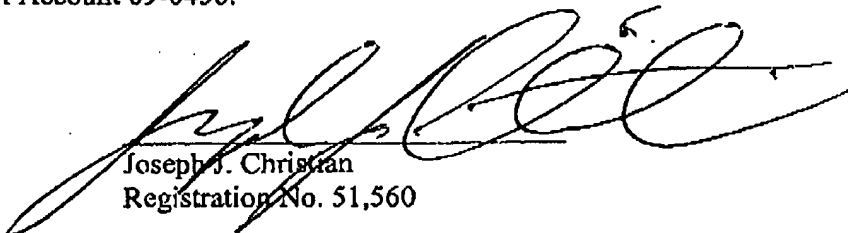
Applicants respectfully traverse the §102 rejections with the following arguments.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or Deposit Account 09-0456.

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